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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-307528, published November 2, 2000.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-32362, published January 28, 2000.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-136649, published May 21, 1999.

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List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-307528

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